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To: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education Secondary/Post-Secondary

**Instructors and Administrators** 

From: Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education

Jennifeur Wilson, President of NJ Association of Agricultural Educators

Re: Fall Agricultural Education Professional Development Conference

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural Education, in partnership with New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators, will conduct the fall professional development conference for secondary/postsecondary agriculture instructors and related administrators, counselors, and college faculty on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at the *Rutgers EcoComplex*, 1200 Florence-Columbus Road, Columbus, NJ. This conference will include the introduction to the 'Ag Issues Series' of professional development workshops to be presented throughout the 2015-16 school year.

The conference, worth 5 "professional development hours," is designed to provide information about utilizing tools to improve your program and provide greater opportunities for your students. Topics include but may not be limited to: financial literacy requirements, record keeping resources, utilization of AET (Ag Education Tracker) to complete FFA applications and a presentation by the State Ag Development Committee (SADC) staff which will lead to the 'Ag Issues Series' presentations throughout the 2015-16 school year. PLEASE NOTE: All registrations (and payments) will be processed by the OAE, however registration checks/payments will be *made out to*: **NJAAE**. (Please do not make checks out any other way than to: NJAAE. They will only be accepted if made out to NJAAE!).

Professional development certificates will be presented at the end of the conference for those attending the entire event.

Directions – http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/about\_us\_directions.php

If you have any questions, please call me at 1.877.Ag Ed FFA.

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Use the attached Excel form to register and email to: ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us

**Registration Deadline**: September 18, 2015

**Conference Date:** September 25, 2015

**Registration/Continental Breakfast**: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

**Conference Schedule**: 8:30 am – 3:15 pm

**NJAAE Executive Board Meeting** 3:15 – 5:00 pm

**Location:** EcoComplex, 1200 Florence – Columbus Rd, Columbus, NJ

Fee structure/options: NJAAE+NAAE membership +

Conference registration: \$150

(Includes all benefits of being a

member of state and national ag teachers' organizations and conference registration)

Lifetime NAAE Members \$90

(Conference registration

+ NJAAE dues

**Conference Registration** (non-members) \$65

Conference Registration \$35

(for NJAAE paid members prior to

August 31)

Conference Registration for Students \$30

ACTE membership (state/nat'l) \$100

NAAE membership: \$60

FFA Alumni Dues (annual/life) \$20/\$160

NJAAE/NAAE/ACTE/National FFA Alumni membership can be accessed online at: <a href="http://www.njaea.org/Membership.html">http://www.njaea.org/Membership.html</a> Scroll down the left side of the page

and click 'Join Now'; or ctrl click here... **Join Now** for the online forms and to pay your memberships with a credit card.